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Honorable James H. Welsh, Commissioner of Conservation Office of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Additional Unit Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A Proposed CV RA SUZ Holly Field DeSoto Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Application is hereby made on behalf of WINCHESTER PRODUCTION COMPANY, (Applicant), to the Commissioner of Conservation for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To establish one (1) additional 640 +/- acre drilling and production unit for the exploration for and the production of gas and condensate for the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, such unit being designated CV RA SUZ, shown on the attached plat and being made a part hereof.
- 2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property property within each of the proposed units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract to share in the unit production on a surface acreage bases of participation.
- 3. To designate Winchester Production Company as the unit operator for the proposed CV RA SUZ.

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The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 88-E, effective February 1, 1975.

The pertinent data pertaining to this application is available for inspection at the Offices of Bob F. Anderson, PE, Inc., 400 Travis Street, Suite 209, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Bob Anderson 318/425-4230 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data that is otherwise not available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

A pre-application notice was sent to all parties stating a time and date for a conference to discuss the application and any objections thereto, however, no request for a conference was received, therefore no conference was held.

Pursuant to the revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom this notice of this intended application is being sent. A copy of this letter and the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and the Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Attached is our check, made payable to the Office of Conservation, to cover the applicable hearing fee.

Yours truly,

B. F. Anderson, PE for

WINCHESTER PRODUCTION COMPANY

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cc: Mr. James Broussard, District Manager Shreveport District Office of Conservation Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

